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Author Viorst Defines Grown-Up for ABC Breakfast

By Lori Lenagh

Using humor and satire to address various issues of adulthood, author Judith Viorst discussed "What's a Grown-Up?" at UNO's Academy, Business, and Community (ABC) Breakfast Wednesday at the Holiday Inn on 72nd and Grover streets.

"Becoming a grown-up," Viorst said, "means becoming aware that in some ways we're rare and unique and that in other ways we're exactly like everyone else."

Viorst is a contributing editor to *Redbook* magazine, where her column has appeared for more than 20 years. She is the author of numerous publications including the children's book, *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* and a book of prose, *Necessary Losses*, which was on the New York Times Bestseller List for over a year.

In her talk, Viorst addressed concerns and issues during the growing-up process.

She explored the relationships between husband and wife, children and parents, and inner personal growth.

Possessing a clear and comfortable sense of self, feeling loved and valuable and not being afraid of being independent, are key qualities to being a grown-up, Viorst said.

"Not everyone we meet is going to love us, or like us, or maybe not even be able to stand us," she said.

With adulthood comes a great deal of uncertainty and unanswered questions. Being a grown-up is being able to accept the darker, negative sides of ourselves, Viorst said. Adulthood means being able to recognize everyone is a bundle of extremely mixed emotions.

One of the first stages in growing up is marriage, she said.

Although people tend to think there is no such thing as a grown-up marriage, she believes it can be achieved with greater knowledge and a lot of hard work.

"A grown-up marriage involves not just compromise, but gracious compromise," Viorst said. "It means doing things without



Judith Viorst

—by Steve Houlton

reminding the other person every second how wonderful and generous you are being."

Marriage does not find our identity, nor does it protect us from trauma, she said. Couples will fall in and out of love, but if the marriage is strong, the relationship will last.

Parenthood brings about more changes, Viorst said, and is a deeply maturing experience.

New parents are often faced with difficult changes as their own parents get older, have money problems, health problems and the grown-up children often find themselves

in the role as the parent's parent, she said. "We know we're a grown-up when we find ourselves providing information about sex both to our teenage kids and our widowed mother."

Knowing there is no way we can be totally responsible for the happiness and health of the people we love is an important realization, she said.

Getting older also brings on personal health problems and a noticeable lapse in memory, Viorst said.

"You rush upstairs to get this thing that you desperately needed on the second floor and then you get there and stop dead in your tracks; 'why am I here?'"

She explained her philosophy on dealing with memory loss, "I knew it before and I'll know it again. I just don't know it right now. It really works, but you have to remember it."

Looking at life with realistic ideals and incorporating laughter to help deal with the difficulties and pleasures of life will help put things into perspective, Viorst said.

For college students who are just entering into the early stages of adulthood, Viorst offered some advice. Keep in mind, she said, that the decisions you choose today are not stuck with you for the rest of your life.

We live a long time, she said, and change is possible and very conceivable.

"I would think it would be a tremendous relief," Viorst said, "to think that you're not making irreconcilable decisions."

English as Official U.S. Language Agrees with Some, Angers Others

By Vineta Pritchard

Several bills currently in Congress address whether English should be the official language of the United States, and while they may be raising some eyebrows, reactions at UNO vary.

Sarah Caster, a UNO freshman said she agrees English should be the official language of the United States.

"It will be easier to understand everyone and communication would be better," Caster said.

Seung-Hyun Hong, a graduate student, said although it will be hard to adapt, "English is the universal language, and there is no way to escape the situation of having to learn English."

Stacey Brosnam, a freshman said, "For those that chose to come to America, you should adapt and learn."

While junior George Peek said there should be "Some standard, whether it be English, Spanish, or French."

However, the Board of Directors of the New York Immigration Coalition strongly opposes the several English-only bills currently in Congress.

The New York Immigration Coalition is an umbrella advocacy organization for 70 groups in New York. They work with "newcomers" to the United States whether they be immigrants, refugees or parolees.

Margie McHugh, executive director of the New York Immigration Coalition, said some of the bills would eliminate government services which meet the needs of those who are limited English proficient.

"The Language of the Government Act of 1995 would eliminate educational programs that promote English language ac-

quisition," McHugh said. The Board of Directors said the bills would obstruct public health and safety initiatives by eliminating outreach to non-English speaking communities on crime prevention, immunization programs, health education and other important services, she said.

Jim Boulet, executive director of English First said, "We need to eliminate programs that do not work."

Boulet has been with English First since 1988 and said the organization makes sure the views of the 250,000 people on their mailing lists get to the legislature. English First concentrates mostly on Washington, D.C., Boulet said, because, "That's where most of the problems come from... Washington."

"In 1991-92 state taxpayers spent \$8 billion on programs that did not work," Boulet said. "Immigrants never asked for this."

Boulet said he gets upset when art and music teachers are laid off so the school districts can afford Spanish-speaking teachers.

McHugh said this is not true. New York has the same number of specialty teachers, McHugh said, and they do not need a separate teacher in each subject for the non-English-speaking students, but that they do have bilingual teachers. McHugh said she feels people would pay more attention to this issue if it were a Medicaid reform and they would be well educated about the issue. When she hears people who are uneducated about the issue, it

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World's Muslims Celebrate Month of Fasting and Prayer

By Christine Kasel

For more than 1,200 million Muslims worldwide, the month known as Ramadan has begun. In a month when the faithful declare their faith through fasting and prayer, between 60 and 120 Muslim UNO students will take part in the fasting and prayer used to mark Ramadan.

Ziaul Huq, associate professor in the College of Business Administration and faculty advisor of UNO's Muslim Student Association, said that it was during this month that God commanded the Koran be brought down to Earth from heaven and be given to Prophet Mohammed.

Muslim authorities cite Mohammed as saying that he was not the only prophet to receive works during this time: David received the Psalms, Moses the Torah, and Abraham the scriptures. "From this," Huq said, "we see a clear connection between divine scriptures and the month of Ramadan."

Huq said that God "sent these books of guidance as a mercy to mankind, so that we may walk in the right path. This is the month for showing our appreciation on behalf of the whole of mankind so that He may be pleased with us."

Between sunrise and sunset, daily living takes place without the presence of food or water. Five times a day the faithful pray, and with the coming of sundown they break their fast with food and with an additional prayer to the one normally spoken at day's end. A small bit of food may be tasted, but the 10-15 minute prayer will be completed before the meal consumed.

Huq said that Muslims fast because Allah ordained it so that the faithful learn self-restraint.

"It is a time of abstinence," he said, "of

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Clinton Needs to Learn True Source of Voter Concern

In 1992 when President Clinton was just candidate Clinton, his campaign staff "accidentally" let it be known that they had adopted an unofficial campaign slogan, "It's the Economy, Stupid!" The phrase that referred to President Bush's supposed inaction on domestic issues, particularly the stagnating economy, was the catch phrase of his inner-circle and became the public catch phrase of his campaign.

Though that one-liner did help get Bill Clinton elected president, to accurately address the fears of the American people it should have said, "It's the Debt, Stupid!" Unfortunately, candidate Clinton did not understand that the economy is and has been fine since the early 1980's. Rather, we are worried about the debt.

Three years later, as we sat in our living rooms on January 23 watching Clinton's State of the Union Address, one wonders if he yet understands "It's Still the Debt, Stupid!"

You see, the two biggest things that affect the economy are the national debt, not to be confused with the deficit, which is small change in comparison to the debt, and interest rates. Of the two, Bill Clinton, or any other president for that matter, only controls the debt and even that power he shares with Congress.

The most important factors governing our economy are the interest rates on long term and short term loans.

Interest rates, which are controlled by the Federal Reserve Bank and its chairman, Alan Greenspan, are both the accelerator and the brakes on the wheels of our economy.

When rates are high, fewer people can afford to take out loans for new homes, businesses, or heavy equipment. When businesses are not busy due to lack of funds, they lay people off or, at best, freeze their hiring and create unemployment. Unemployment means that wages are kept low. And low wages means low inflation. (You see, raising rates can be a good thing.)

When rates are low, businesses have more money to expand and therefore need more employees and unemployment goes down. But then wages go up as employers compete for skilled workers, thus driving up inflation.

And the reason for this little economic lesson, you ask?

To show that while Bill Clinton can puff out his chest in triumph over falling interest rates and gloat over a stable economy, he really had nothing to do with it. The credit, which was somehow missing from his address, should go to Greenspan for being a competent interest rate juggler.

The other factor that greatly effects our economy is the debt. The debt is all the

money the government has borrowed over the last 220 years and not bothered to pay back. This is not to be confused with the deficit, which is just this year's addition to the debt.

To say that a large debt is bad would almost seem too obvious. But it is important to understand why a large debt is bad.

The debt is simply a mortgage we have taken out on our economy. We make payments on that mortgage by selling bonds to cover the current deficit spending. And those bonds (here is where things start to get connected) are paid at fixed interest rates. The more bonds we are forced to sell, the higher the interest rates become, thus causing unemployment, thus causing... you get the picture.

And here is where the president can affect the economy directly.

Here is where he is dropping the ball.

Though he talks a good game and he means well by his programs that are trying to help everyone, Clinton still likes to spend the money we don't have.

He wants to spend money on a national health care system in order to ensure that every man, woman and child is insured. But by adding a federal bureaucracy whose sole purpose is handing out money, no matter how humanitarian it may seem, is wrong.

The government can scarcely afford Medicare and Medicaid.

In his speech Clinton said, "In the past three years we have saved \$15 billion just by fighting health care fraud and abuse." And these programs are still too fat. Adding another health care program would only create a new bureaucracy to be ripped off and mismanaged by the deceitful or incompetent.

Clinton also called for connecting "twenty percent of California classrooms by this spring and every classroom and library in the entire United States by the year 2000," to the information super-highway.

A great idea? Sure. After all, we must invest in the education of our youth, the future of this country. But, at what price are we buying this security for our kids? Is it a cost that will put our country so far in debt that we have sold our kids' futures so we might pay for computers now?

But computers in the classroom was not the only program we saw Clinton prescribe for education without identifying the cost of the medicine. He also asked for a \$1,000 merit scholarship for the top 5 percent of all graduating high school seniors and a GI Bill for America's workers that would cost \$2,600 per person in job training at community colleges.

Great ideas? Sure, until we have to pay for

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Bombs Breed Confusion

If you were to ask any number of people that I know about whether or not I have an opinion on most issues, like abortion, the death penalty and legalized gambling, they would probably answer with an emphatic "yes."

But I have to admit that on one particular issue, nuclear bombs (and other such weapons of mass destruction), my opinions are utterly perplexed. In searching for someone to blame this dilemma on, I came upon the French.

In Tuesday's issue of the *Omaha World-Herald*, there was an article about some testing that the French government had undertaken within their nuclear weapons program. The article stated that since last September, France has been detonating said weapons in the South Pacific Ocean. President Jacques Chirac, under fire since his announcement last June that the testing would begin, was quoted as saying that as of January 27, the scientists in charge of the project had reached the goals intended and that no more testing would be needed. "I know that nuclear weaponry may cause fear," he said. "But in an always dangerous world, it acts for us as a weapon of disuasion, a weapon in the service of peace."

Is he crazy, or simply lacking common sense? To the best of my knowledge, the words "peace" and "weaponry" are contradictory. How can Chirac be saying that by having a nuclear bomb, he is in turn servicing peace?

Well, I'd be a bafloon to say that I don't understand his general point. He's saying that when country A has a weapon that can completely annihilate country B, country B will think twice before it messes with A.

It's kind of like when you know that your professor has secretly been building all semester long towards the final exam from hell, and you, in turn, prepare vigorously for his heinous assault upon your senses.

Only, with nuclear bombs, we're not talking about A's or B's on a grade report, but on a global level. Just think of the consequences of somebody getting a hold of one of those bombs and using it for his own gain. What if Saddam Hussein had one back in the Gulf War? He might have used it. Of course, he and his fellow countrymen and women would have paid for it with their lives. But I'm sure all of those people who would have died from the "big mushroom in the sky" would rather have just let him take what he wanted in the first place, just as long as he went away afterward.

And I guess, in a sickening sort of way, that's what having a nuclear bomb under your belt is all about: the power, the ability to look your neighbor in the eye and tell him just what you think of him, or, in France's case, the ability to say that they are up to snuff with the Jones' next door.

You can't really blame the French. If you know their recent history, then you know that for nearly the entire century they have been plagued by invading German armies. In World War II, Hitler's troops stormed in and took over the French government and it's people rather easily. All that France had for a defense was a concrete wall between them and the Blitzkrieg. And the Blitzkrieg won.

It would be a pretty fair guess to say that if Hitler knew that the French had developed an atom bomb before he invaded, he would have held off on his wanton destruction until his scientists had come up with one of their own and many lives would have been saved.

Shortly after hearing Chirac's decision to end the testing, White House Press Secretary Mike McCurry said that this decision "will provide new momentum to efforts being made world wide to end nuclear testing forever." Somehow, I don't believe that it will ever

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food, water, of sex." That the act of fasting could also be healthy is an incidental benefit. "I've not known anyone who has fasted all their life to die from heart attacks or high blood pressure. My own cholesterol level comes down 25 percent during Ramadan."

"After having fasted it is not advisable to fill the stomach completely, even with *halal* (lawfully earned food), because the purpose of fasting is defeated. Fasting seeks to diminish one's carnal desires and increase one's faith and spiritual powers... overeating is unhealthy."

Patience is a large part of the month. Acts of charity and prayer take on an added dimension during Ramadan. An obligatory act carries 70 times as much weight as the same act committed during the rest of the year.

Besides practicing patience, Hug said, it is also a month for sympathy with one's fellowmen and charity. In return, Allah brings his mercy, forgiveness and finally at the end of the month, emancipation from hell.

Muslim scholars also suggest, based upon the authority of Mohammed, that other precautions be taken, such as keeping one's eyes from undesirable places or things, guarding against lies, backbiting, arguments and swearing.

Also recommended is avoiding listening to anything undesirable. According to authorities, both "the backbiter and the one who listens to it are equal partners in sin." Finally, the faithful should contemplate whether their efforts have been worthy and accepted by Allah.

The day, or night, holding the most

reverence for true believers is the Night of Power, during which the Koran was given to Mohammed. Prayer spoken on that night holds greater weight than a prayer on any other time of the year. But the exact date of the Night of Power is unknown beforehand. All that's known is that it occurs within the last 10 days of Ramadan and falls upon an odd numbered day. It is revealed afterward only to those who pay special attention to each night's special physical aspects. The Night of Power is a "very peaceful night. Everything is performed peacefully during this night," Hug said.



Ziaul Hug

At the end of the month comes one of only two celebrations in the Muslim religion, the Eid, or "happiness," celebrating the fulfillment of a covenant with Allah. The other Eid is an act of mercy from Allah, emancipating the Israelites from bondage in Egypt.

Ramadan is not a celebration as most people know it, it is a fulfillment of a covenant and conducted in a very personal way between the faithful and Allah. There is no really special dinner to mark the breaking of a fast, such as the Ceder in the Jewish faith, Hug said. Instead, it is an ordinary meal, "with whatever you can afford. Some people, who could afford it, would fix something special."

Because the occurrence of Ramadan is calculated on a lunar calendar, the event could take place in any season, winter or summer. "Every 33 years it (Ramadan) goes a full cycle. A person could experience every possible time for Ramadan, it depends upon when you were born and how long you live," Hug said.

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them by mortgaging our future and the future of every generation that comes after us.

To borrow a line from Bob Dole. "He can talk the talk, but can he walk the walk?"

The president does talk a mean game. His speech was full of talk about downsizing the government, balancing the budget and values, values, values...

But just two days after his address, Clinton signed a new military spending bill that was higher than what he had hoped for in exchange for Congress passing a new spending measure to keep the government from closing. A kind of "If you spend my money, I'll spend yours" deal.

So, as President Clinton becomes candidate Clinton once again perhaps he should take to heart the true sentiment of the people. It's the debt, stupid!

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come to a complete halt. I'm sure that all the heads of state will get together and put their collective John Hancock's on some important piece of paper that says it will. But I've got an idea in the back of my head that says that important pieces of paper have never meant much to world leader's looking to gain an edge.

It may be that soon every country with the brain power and ambition to "seek peace" through nuclear-weaponry will have a bomb. And, in keeping with that peaceful them, it could very well be that we will all still get along, regardless.

I hope so, because if I ever get to personally see that big mushroom in the sky, I'm sure all my perplexed opinions will find one true home.

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disappoints her when people don't properly inform themselves.

"This issue generates heat and no light," McHugh said.

Boulet said with a country as diverse as the United States, with several ethnic groups and many different religions, "We need a common language."

About 200 different languages are spoken in the United States, Boulet said.

Laurie Arias, a student advisor in UNO's Intensive English program said, "I haven't come to a decision on if English should be the official language yet."

Arias said she sees immigrants who come to this country to go to college, and to build certain skills before returning to their home land, and these people need to assimilate into the culture.

"As far as communication, I understand the need for an official language. For economic reasons, translation can get costly."

If one language is translated, Arias said, all of them need to be translated, so she sees both sides of the debate.

McHugh said language debates have been going on for years even pointing out that in the mid-west years ago, German was the only language taught.

Rami Sawaged, director of UNO's International Student Services, said "English should definitely be the United States' official language. English, in general, is an easy language. I work with many students who find the grammar part of English easy. However, the pronunciation is difficult, due to the way they were taught the English language from where they are from."

Sawaged said he gets requests from a number of the international students who want to be placed in classes where everyone speaks English so they have a better chance of not speaking their native language. "These students are here on a mission, to graduate and learn the language."

McHugh said, "I have never meet an immigrant that did not want to learn English. Parents see their children in English-only classes and are so desperate to have their children learn English."

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UNO Bookstore Sees No Threat in On-line Competitor

By Niz Proskocil

The creation of a virtual bookstore on the Internet gives book lovers an alternative to paying high prices and waiting in long lines.

Amazon.com Books, which is found on the World Wide Web, offers more than 1 million book titles, most of which are sold at prices 10-40 percent lower than retail prices, said Pete Pedersen of WHaM Communications and spokesman for Amazon.com Books.

Pedersen said the Seattle-based company was started by Wall Street investor Jeff Bezos.

"He had a great idea and he's always been computer savvy," Pedersen said about Bezos. "He figured that books are something that's going to work on the Internet, in terms of sales, because it's not that different from the medium itself."

Pedersen said the convenience of browsing through book titles and placing orders on-line is one of the benefits of using the service. The service is especially beneficial to college students.

"What Amazon.com does is it allows students to enjoy significant savings over bookstore prices. The second big benefit is you don't have to deal with the bookstore.

You don't have to wait in line, you don't have to run down there. You can sit at your computer, order up the books and they'll be at your doorstep."

Elizabeth Townsend, assistant manager of the UNO Bookstore, said she does not think the on-line book seller will effect the number of students who use campus bookstores because they, unlike Amazon.com, offer the necessary textbooks and supplies.

"Convenience is part of the whole bookstore operation. There wouldn't be a bookstore on campus if it wasn't for the convenience of the students," Townsend said.

Having a bookstore on the Internet makes it accessible to a variety of people, Pedersen said, but there are further advantages as well.

"It's that advantage of being able to sit down in the comfort of your own home and go shopping for books. Let's say you're looking for a title that may be hard to find, rather than running to 10 different bookstores and dealing with crowds and traffic,

you can just browse the 1 million title catalog and it'll do all the work for you."

"I don't see it as an intrusion. It's just like anything else available on the Web," Townsend said. "What are you going to spend your time doing? Are you going to get the book now so you can sit down and read it, or are you going to just sit at your computer and go blind for hours."



Amazon.com, which has been up and running since Nov. 1, 1995, has sold books to people in all 50 states and 45 different countries during the first month of operation, Pedersen said.

"That really blew us away, and it's just been growing exponentially since then."

A powerful search engine, which can be used by entering a keyword, an author's name or a book title, scans the million-plus titles for the book you're looking for.

Amazon.com also offers a feature called Eyes and Editors, which is similar to your own personal book gopher, Pedersen said.

"I think this is really one of the highlights of the system. What Eyes and Editors does is if you tell Amazon.com that say, for example, you're a big John Grisham fan, anytime a new book by John Grisham comes out, it'll automatically E-mail you and say this book just became available."

Students doing research papers can also use the Eyes and Editors feature, which will alert them via E-mail if a new book on a certain topic arrives.

Townsend said she didn't know how the on-line bookstore can sell at prices 10-40 percent lower, especially with the cost of maintaining the Web site.

"With the additional shipping and handling charge, there goes the 10-40 percent discount," she said.

Pedersen said that most books arrive within 2-5 days, while some of the more rare titles end up taking a week to a week-and-a-half.

"The vast majority of books are going to arrive within three days. And even though you pay the shipping and handling charge, it still comes in considerably lower than buying in a traditional bookstore," he said.

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UNO Wrestling Has Found Its Own Slice of Royalty

By Dave Mollner

CEDAR FALLS, Iowa—For a program with such a rich, wrestling tradition and volumes of accolades to jack its national ranking to the top of every preseason poll, UNO Head Coach Mike Denney added another ingredient to his recipe for success in 1996, a touch of royalty.

Well, maybe more than just a touch of it, more like 177 pounds of it.

Junior Corry Royal has rolled out the red carpet for himself and mowed over his North Central Conference opponents in the process. The Ferndale, Mich. native has competed at three different schools in the past three years, while having to adjust at every stop on his way.

After making the move from the brackets of junior college to the upper ranks of a Division II wrestling powerhouse like UNO, Royal is happy with the position his decision to come to Omaha has placed him in.

"I don't look back on the decisions I've made in the past because I can't go back and change what's already happened. I make it for what it's worth wherever I'm at and never try to go out and make it like my hometown," Royal said. "I can have my fun competing and getting my education anywhere and right now, I love where I'm at."

The Mavs have to love Royal's presence on the starting roster, as well. With an overall record of 24-5, Royal's currently ranked No. 2 in the nation at 177 pounds. After winning a national title under former UNO All-American and Iowa Central (ICC) Head Coach Mark Ostrander, Denney said he kept track of Royal after he left ICC to return to his native Michigan (Muskegon Community College) for his sophomore year.

"We saw him wrestle as a freshman and knew that we wanted to keep our eye on him," Denney said. "We are always in constant communication with Mark (Ostrander) about our recruits, because he knows our program and that we'll take care of his kids here," said Denney, who recruits heavily out of ICC, like former Mav All-Americans Lim Prim, Jimmie Foster and last year's national champions Brian Zanders and Raphael Kizze.

"You recruit them on the kind of people they are and on their work ethics, because those are the ones that rise to the top. Our own wrestlers can tell us whether or not a



—Dave Mollner

UNO's Corry Royal, a 177 pound junior, has compiled a 25-5 record and a No. 2 national ranking.

certain recruit will fit into our program. Corry is one of those quality people."

Prior to making the move into college athletics, Royal had to make a decision to leave behind a sport he loved to make room for himself on the wrestling mat.

As a two-time, all-state linebacker on his high school football team, Royal was touted as a "Blue-Chip All-American" by college scouts with schools such as the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Arizona State, and Eastern Michigan leaving daily reminders in his mother's mailbox. Besides his success on the gridiron, Royal ran on the state championship track teams in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays. At the Nike combines, at which the physical abilities of the athletes are tested for the college scouts to drool over, Royal blazed

through the 40-yard dash in 4.3 seconds.

"Wrestling is the number 1 sport in my life right now, but football is always looking over my shoulder," Royal said. "I'd never close off the possibility to play ball again, but for right now, wrestling is my main focus."

Over the summer between transferring to UNO from Muskegon, Royal focused much of his time working with the elderly at a local home for senior citizens. Majoring in gerontology, he hopes to make a career of working with elderly after graduating from UNO.

"I don't look down on the elderly," Royal said. "I'd like to make a living by helping them in some fashion, possibly as a counselor, and giving something back. That's one of my goals when my wrestling career is

finished."

But while his wrestling career is still in high gear, Royal has his sights set on a conference title and adding another national championship banner to UNO's Fieldhouse rafters. The NCAA Division II National Tournament, hosted by the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley, Colo. on March 15-17, Royal has reservations about his trip to the Rockies in March and wants to bring home a crown.

"Foremost, my main goal this year is to win a team national championship in Greeley, those rings look nice," he said. "This team has more togetherness than any other college team I've been on. With hard work and dedication, I believe this team can do it."

SPORTS CALENDAR

	Friday 2	Saturday 3
Men's Basketball	at Augustana 8:00 pm	at SDSU 8:00 pm
Women's Basketball	at Augustana 6:00 pm	at SDSU 6:00 pm
Wrestling		S. DAKOTA STATE 7:00 pm
Women's Track		at Doane 8:30 am
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Kaiser, Lady Mavs Look to Turn Surprises into Victory

By Tony Reinke

For the Lady Mavs to make a run for the postseason, they will have to pull some surprises. However, one Lady Mav has been pulling surprises all season.

"Opponents gear up for our top three scorers," said Head Coach Cherri Mankenberg. "Stacie Kaiser can sneak up on people. She comes in on the back-door on a lot of teams just because they are focusing on Breen, Spetman and Loth."

Of the five starters on UNO's roster, Michelle Spetman, Amy Breen and Amy Loth combine for 42 of the team's 71 points per game. This leaves Kaiser as the statistical surprise.

"Kaiser is a great example what hard work does for you," Mankenberg said. "She is not a flashy player, but she is a smart one."

The junior from Farwell, Neb. has averaged 8.2 rebounds per game, ranking her No. 8 in the conference. Of the leading conference rebounders, Kaiser stands 5-foot-8 inches, 4 to 7 inches shorter than the rest of the field.

"She does something totally different for our team," Mankenberg said. "Defense is where she has her fun. She loves to rebound and steal. Her great defense creates her offense."

Kaiser ranks No. 4 in the conference with an average 2.7 steals per game. In addition, she has nearly doubled her offensive output from last season, averaging 9.6 points a game.

"There have been a lot of good players who have graduated in front of me in my position," Kaiser said. "I was always behind really good players like Aimee Noel but I've gotten here with age."

Since the conference season has begun, Kaiser has surprised teams expecting big performances from Breen, Spetman, and Loth. In Greeley, Colo. on January 13, Kaiser scored a career-best 18 points and added 11 rebounds.

"She gets the No. 1 defensive assignment," Mankenberg said. "She doesn't look at herself as much of a scorer, as I would like her to, but she is shooting as well as anyone on the team."

Kaiser leads the team in field goal percentage at 49.2 percent in conference play.

Crunch Time

For the 4-5 Lady Mavs, time is running out and this weekend will mark the halfway point on the conference clock. Three teams sit atop the conference with 8-1 records, four others are fighting to avoid the conference ax.

"We can't make any mistakes," Mankenberg said. "It's time where we have been around the block once. Now we need a legitimate upset and we need to take care of all the teams below us to have a shot."

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—SR Kemper

Lady Mav Stacie Kaiser surprised this Morningside player last week. The Lady Mavs are looking to pull off a few more surprises this weekend.

Sideline

May Basketball Team Takes to Plains

UNO will travel to South Dakota in search of their second conference win. Friday night in Sioux Falls, the Mavs will face the 12-6 Augustana Vikings. Saturday, they travel to South Dakota State in Brookings. The Jackrabbits are first in the North Central Conference with a 8-1 record and stand 16-2 overall.

The Mavs are 1-8 in conference play and 6-12 overall. UNO's leading scorer, Shadric Thomas, is not projected to start on Friday. Thomas, who averaged 12.8 points per game, did not play Saturday night in the Fieldhouse due to disciplinary reasons.

Starting Center John Skokan is nearing the conference record for rebounds in a career. The 6-foot-10 Skokan holds third place with 617. The No. 2 position is occupied by Chuck Iverson (643, USD) and No. 1 belongs to Dave Vonesh (668, UND).

To break the all-time record, Skokan needs to average five rebounds per game in the remaining nine games. He is averaging 10.2.

Breen Wins Award, Box Nominated

Junior Lady Mav basketball standout Amy Breen was named the Nebraska Division II Female Athlete of the Week. In UNO's two wins last weekend at the Fieldhouse, Breen scored 44 points and grabbed 22 rebounds. Twenty-three of her points came in the Lady Mav's 102-61 win over South Dakota. Breen was also nominated for the North Central Conference Player of the Week award.

Charles Box, a sophomore from Omaha Northwest High School, was nominated for the Nebraska Division II Male Athlete of the Week award. He scored 37 points in UNO's two losses last weekend.

Wrestlers Get Shot to Knock Off No. 6 Jacks

The No. 3 Mavs will face the No. 6 rated South Dakota State Jackrabbits Saturday at the Fieldhouse (7 pm). UNO defeated No. 2 ranked North Dakota State last weekend.

Defending National Champion Raphael Kizsee (167-pound) is scheduled to undergo arthroscopic knee surgery on Monday. The national champion injured his knee on January 20 against Northern Iowa and did not compete last week. Kizsee is out for the season.

Junior Shane Allison (150-pound) was also injured on January 20. He has not competed since.

The match will be televised by KYNE-TV, channel 26.

Track Team Travels to Crete

Saturday, Head Coach Tim Hendricks and the Lady Mav track team will travel to Doane College (Crete, Neb.) in an attempt to continue their success. Last week, UNO set three school records in Ames, Iowa.

Three athletes have marks which rank them highly among all Division II schools. Sophomore Carri Butler sits atop the country in the 400 meters and 55. Elise Henry is first in the nation with a 4:59.83 mark in the mile run. Tunisia Ellis ranks third in the 55 meters.

Softball Team Ranked No. 5

The Lady Mav Softball team continues to make the preseason rankings. After a No. 8 national ranking by *College Sports* magazine a month ago, UNO was named No. 5 by the NCAA. UNO earned 126 points, 34 away from No. 1 Kennesaw State (Georgia).

Otten Named to Postseason Team

Senior middle blocker Denise Otten was named to *Volleyball Magazine's* decision II all-American team last week. Otten, a senior who led the Lady Mavs to a 22-9 season record, broke the school record for highest hitting percentage in a season at .421.

Otten, a native of Norfolk, Neb., hit a combined average of .756 with 31 kills and no errors in the final two matches of her career at UNO en route to the UNO tournament MVP award and solidified the school mark.

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Saturday night will provide Mankenberg and Kaiser the opportunity for upset they are looking for. The Lady Mavs will travel north to face South Dakota State (6 pm), which is one of the three 8-1 teams. The Jackrabbits are No. 2 in the country.

"Since I have been at UNO, we haven't beat Augustana on their home court," Kaiser said. "So we're looking to get a big win over Augustana tonight then focus on knocking off South Dakota State."

Augustana (5-4) sits alongside UNO and St. Cloud State at the No. 5 spot in the conference. The Lady Mavs defeated the Vikings 73-58 on January 5 at the Fieldhouse. The Lady Mavs will have more to overcome

then an away-court disadvantage.

"Augustana is coming off a good weekend," Mankenberg said. "They are scoring big again and getting better point production from their post player Corrine Lundell."

Lundell, who shared NCC player of the Week Award honors with SDSU's Leah Klaassen, connected on 76 percent of her field goal attempts last weekend. Klaassen, a 6 foot post player, scored 31 points last Saturday over Mankato State.

The Lady Mavs' front court has been playing tight defense on dominating post players. Two weeks ago in North Dakota, UNO was faced with the two most dominating post players in the conference, Jenny Crouse and

Casey Morlock. Pressure by Breen and Spetman held the players to a total of 27 points, compared to their average of 43.

Lady Mav Guards Kaiser, Loth and Cathy Mauer will have their hands full in the backcourt. Augustana Guard Sandra Zwach averages 17.3 points per game and SDSU Guard Ann Just averages 20.8. UNO held the two players to 24 points earlier in the season.

"Both teams have great 3 point shooters and we must stay in there face," Mankenberg said. "We need to do everything we did last time, only better because we will be on the road."

UNO is going into the weekend matchups knowing the top three scorers shot 53

percent last weekend in wins against Morningside and South Dakota.

"Taking advantage of our scoring opportunities is our big focus," Mankenberg said. "We shot very poorly against both these teams, especially against South Dakota State. We have to shoot well against both teams to be successful."

With nine games remaining and five NCC teams fighting for survival, Mankenberg and the Lady Mavs are in the middle of the countdown.

"Once you get that upset you can be on a roll," she said.

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By College Press Service

Nobel Prize Winner Accused Of Sexual Harassment

BOSTON—A Nobel Prize winner who teaches at Boston University is facing accusations of sexual harassment.

Derek Walcott, a 66-year-old creative writing professor, is accused of threatening to fail a student in his graduate-level playwriting class or keep her play from being produced if she did not have sex with him.

The former student, Nicole Niemi of St. Paul, Minn., left the school three years ago after the incident reportedly happened. She filed a lawsuit in 1994 against Walcott and 56 university trustees, claiming that the school ignores sexual harassment of its female students.

BU associate general counsel Lawrence S. Elswit called the accusations "the fabrications of a frustrated playwright" who couldn't get her play produced.

"The accusations are vehemently denied," he said. "Boston University takes allegations of sexual harassment very seriously and investigates all complaints."

According to AP reports, Walcott was accused of demanding sex from a freshman student in 1982 while a visiting professor at Harvard University and was admonished in writing.

Walcott, who won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1992, continues to be on staff at BU. He is at his Caribbean home until March and is set to teach next fall, Elswit said.

Student Claiming Anxiety Sues To Regain Admission

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.—A student who flunked out of medical school at the University of New Mexico is suing in federal court to be reinstated.

Kevin McGuiness claims he has an anxiety disorder that makes his heart race and his mind draw blanks while taking tests. He informed the university of his condition, but no accommodations were made for him, a violation of the American With Disabilities Act, he said.

McGuiness, who according to reports is a 41-year-old clinical psychologist, sued after his biochemistry professor gave him a "marginal" grade for a first-year required course.

The university's lawyer denies that McGuiness informed the school of his "alleged disability." He also denied that the former student is limited in activities and qualifies under the disabilities act.

Women Lawyers Fail To Reach Top Rung

CHICAGO—Although more women are becoming lawyers, less than expected are reaching the upper echelon of the profession, according to an American Bar Association report.

Women make up 23 percent of the legal profession, a number that might hit 40 percent by 2010, according to the ABA's Commission on Women in the Profession.

Still, only about 1 in 10 women lawyers are partners in a firm, a number that has remained constant for over 10 years, said the report, released in January.

"Clearly there is some artificial reason why more women are not partners," Commission chair Laurel Bellows said. "Barriers persist."

In the nation's top firms, less than a dozen women serve as managing partner, which is the corporate equivalent to CEO, Bellows said.

Female college students considering law school should not be discouraged, Bellows said. "Women have the ability to change the face of the profession."

The commission plans to release a study of women in law school next month.



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